

**REMARKS**

Applicants' representatives thank Examiner Chang for the courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the telephonic interview of March 7, 2006. Applicants' separate record of the substance of that interview is incorporated into the following discussion.

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-32, 39, 40, and 46-50 are pending. Claims 1-3 are amended and new claims 46-50 are added.

The Office Action requires an election of species among potato starch, wheat starch, tapioca starch and maize starch. Applicants hereby elect the species of potato starch. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-32, 39, 40 and new claims 47-50 read on the elected species.

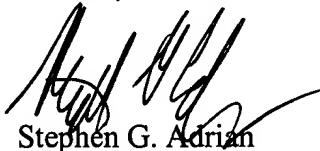
Claims 1-3 have been amended to specify "at least 80 %" in regard to the cell distribution. Support for the amendment is provided, for example, by Example 1 wherein the cell dimension is between 40 and 170  $\mu\text{m}$  whereby 100% of the cells have a dimension from 40 to 400  $\mu\text{m}$  as well as by Example 10 wherein the cell dimension is between 35 and 188  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Support for the features of new claims 47-50 is provided by the inherent amylose content of the claimed starches. For example, the present specification provides examples of starches which can be used, and evidence has been submitted (Starch Chemistry and Technology) in regard to amylose content of the starches. The amylose content set forth in the new claims is based on the amylose content of corn starch (28%), potato (20%), tapioca (16.7%) and wheat (26%).

Response to Election of Species Requirement  
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Attachment: Petition for Extension of Time